



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 March 5, 2013

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
URBAN FOREST INVENTORY - PARKS IN DISADVANTAGED  
COMMUNITIES PROJECT FROM THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY  
FORESTRY INVENTORY GRANT PROGRAM  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4 AND 5) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection under the Urban and Community Forestry Inventory Grant Program.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the Urban Forest Inventory - Parks in Disadvantaged Communities Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of information collection.
2. Adopt a Resolution to complete the submission process of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in the amount of \$38,500 for the Urban Forest Inventory - Parks in Disadvantaged Communities Project under the Urban and Community Forestry Inventory Grant Program.
3. Delegate the authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, deed restrictions, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the

aforementioned projects.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of these recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (State). The State requires an adopted resolution from the applicant's governing Board to approve the grant application submission.

The Urban Forest Inventory - Parks in Disadvantaged Communities Project will inventory trees at 26 parks in disadvantaged communities which include the following: Athens Park, Atlantic Avenue Park, Belvedere Community Regional Park, City Terrace Park, East Rancho Dominguez Park, Eugene A. Obregon Park, Ruben F. Salazar Park, Saybrook Park, Parque De Los Suenos, Lennox Park, Helen Keller Park, George Washington Carver Park, Mona Park, Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park, Enterprise Park, Walnut Nature Park, Franklin D. Roosevelt Park, Mary M. Bethune Park, Roy Campanella Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Fitness Garden, Jesse Owens Community Regional Park, El Parque Nuestro, Colonel Leon H. Washington Park, Ted Watkins Memorial Park, Apollo Park and Carolyn Rosas Park. The inventory will be used to assist in managing the Department of Parks and Recreation's urban forest.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2) by strengthening and enhancing the County's capacity to sustain essential County services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies and stewardship.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of the recommended actions will not result in any fiscal impact to the County. The total project cost of \$51,500 will be funded through the grant request of \$38,500 and a \$13,000 in-kind match. The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) will utilize existing resources within its budget for any costs associated with this grant.

### **OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT**

The recommended actions allow the Department to pursue an opportunity to engage in a survey to inventory its urban forest trees that reside in disadvantaged communities. The Department does not anticipate any additional operating costs from the survey and will utilize existing resources within its operating budget to provide the in-kind match should the grant be awarded.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The resolution is required by the State to authorize the submission of a grant application by the applicant's governing Board.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the resolution as to form.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Urban Forest Inventory - Parks in Disadvantaged Communities Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 6 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office-Capital Projects Division, and two adopted copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE URBAN AND  
COMMUNITY FORESTRY INVENTORY GRANT PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM ENTITLED, "AN URBAN FOREST FOR EVERY CITY", AS PROVIDED THROUGH PROPOSITION 40 AND/OR PROPOSITION 84.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted Propositions 40 and 84, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban forestry project;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application for "PROPOSITION 40 and 84" urban forestry grant program funds; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and,
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors are available to begin the project, and
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2014; and
5. Appoints the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
**JOHN KRATTLI**  
County Counsel

By   
CHRISTINA A. SALSEDA  
Principal Deputy County Counsel

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0